STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

1973-74 MONTANA MIGRATORY WATERFOWL REGULATIONS - CENTRAL FLYWAY

The Central Flyway includes Blaine, Fergus, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater and Carbon Counties and all counties lying east of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the State of Montana within the Central Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory waterfowl under the regulations listed below:

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 29, 1973, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 27, 1973. Then reopening one-half hour before sunrise December 15, 1973, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 30, 1973.
Bag Limit: The season is based on a daily point value of 100 plus points. The daily limit is reached when the point value of the last duck taken added to the sum of the point values of other ducks taken during the day reaches or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit shall be the maximum number of ducks of species and sex which could have been taken in two days. The point allocation for ducks is as follows:

10 Points	20 Points	70 Points	100 Points
American Widgeon	Drake Mallard	Hen Mallard	Canvasback
Blue Wing Teal	Pintail	Wood Duck	Redhead
Cinnamon Teal	Greenwing Teal	Hooded Merganser	
Scaup	Ringneck Duck		
Common and Red-Breasted Merganser	Shoveller		
	Gadwall		
	All other species not listed under other categories.		

Coots have a point value of zero, but the bag is limited to 15 and 30 in possession.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 29, 1973, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day to December 30, 1973.
Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 geese. The limit shall not include more than 1 Ross' goose in bag or in possession.

LITTLE BROWN CRANE (Phillips County)

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 29, 1973, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 4, 1973. Season is restricted to Phillips County.
Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit will be 3 Little Brown Crane and, after opening day, a possession limit of 6.

Waterfowl Closures: Whitewater Lake, Nelson Reservoir, Ester Lake, Little Warm Reservoir Spencer Reservoir, and Reservoir PR-161, all in Phillips County; North Chinook Reservoir, McLaren Reservoir Area and Paulsen Reservoir Area, all in Blaine County, shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting. In addition, the Yellowstone River as posted in Rosebud County and Treasure County shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting. The Yellowstone River as posted in Custer County shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting from 12:00 noon each day.

Means of Taking: Migratory waterfowl may be taken only with bow and arrow, or with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, aid or use of a sinkbox (battery), motor-driven conveyance, motor vehicle or aircraft of any kind. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 Resident Bird License and Conservation License, or Class B-1 $25.00 Nonresident Bird License and Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $151.00 Nonresident Big Game License. In addition to one of the above licenses, must be in possession of a Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp. Persons under the age of 16 years need not possess a stamp. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

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STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

1973-74 MONTANA MIGRATORY WATERFOWL REGULATIONS - PACIFIC FLYWAY

The Pacific Flyway includes Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties and all counties lying west of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the State of Montana within the Pacific Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory waterfowl under the regulations listed below:

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 6, 1973, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 6, 1974.
Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 5 ducks, and, after opening day, a possession limit of 10 ducks, except the limit on canvasback is one daily and one in possession.
Coots: The daily bag and possession limit shall be 25 coots.
Mergansers: In addition to the bag limit on other ducks, the daily limit of mergansers will be a daily aggregate limit of 5 and possession limit of 10. In the daily limit, no more than 1 hooded merganser may be included and no more than 2 hooded mergansers may be included in the possession limit.

GEESE - EAST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 6, 1973, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 9, 1973.
Daily and Possession Limit: The daily and possession limit shall be 6 geese. No more than 2 Canada geese or their subspecies and no more than 1 Ross' goose will be allowed in the daily or possession limit.

GEESE - WEST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 6, 1973, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 30, 1973.
Exception: One-half hour before sunrise October 20, 1973, and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through Decmeber 16, 1973, in Deer Lodge County.
Daily and Possession Limit: The daily and possession limit shall be 6 geese. No more than 2 Canada geese or their subspecies and no more than 1 Ross' goose will be allowed in the daily or possession limit.
Exception I: Special Seasonal Goose Limit. West of the Continental Divide, the daily and possession limit on geese shall be in conformance with the 1972 Pacific Flyway waterfowl regulations. In addition, there shall be a seasonal limit of six (6) Canada geese per hunter. No one hunter may kill more than six (6) Canada geese west of the Continental Divide during this season. When inspected by a State Game Warden or other Fish and Game representative, successful goose hunters' licenses shall be punched once for each Canada goose taken.

Exception II: The following described area in Flathead, Lake, and Sanders Counties may be closed to all goose hunting on 48 hour's notice: Beginning at Ravalli, thence north along U.S. Highway 93 to Polson and Elmo, thence west on State Highway 28 to its intersection with State Highway 382 near Hot Springs and south along said highway to Perma, thence east along U.S. Highway 10 to Ravalli, the point of beginning.

WILSON'S SNIPE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 6, 1973, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 6, 1974.
Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 8 Wilson's snipe and, after opening day, a possession limit of 16 Wilson's snipe.

WHISTLING SWAN

Five hundred permits will be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan. Season is restricted to Teton County. Permits will be valid during 93 days beginning one-half hour before sunrise October 6, 1973, and ending at sunset January 6, 1974. Written applications must be submitted to the Helena office, postmarked no later than September 10, 1973. The drawing will be on September 14, 1973. The applicant's 1973 Montana Bird License number must be on the application.

Waterfowl Closures: A portion of Freezout Lake Waterfowl Development Area in Teton County and an ACM settling pond near Warm Springs will be closed as posted to all waterfowl hunting. The southern half of Lake Helena and the Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir in Lewis and Clark County, Osterbauer Reservoir in Hill County, and a portion of Fresno Reservoir in Hill County shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting, and in Madison County, a portion of the Madison Valley north of Ennis, as posted.

Means of Taking and License Information Same as for the Central Flyway.

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